



THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY

WEST COUNTRY BRANCH

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<http://www.britozwest.org.uk/events.asp>

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The Branch Web Site has now been updated to show our events through 2011 and into January next year.

TOM ROBERTS IN DORCHESTER

The **Kings Arms Hotel** still has rooms available on 4th February. You may book by giving your credit card number. It will not be charged until you check out on 5th February unless you cancel after 1st January 2012.

The Society Chairman John Allen with his wife Susie have already booked as have Sir Roger and Lady Carrick. Professor & Professor Carl Bridge of the Menzies Centre.

The Agent General for Victoria Ms Sally Capp has accepted our invitation to attend and has agreed to speak at the lunch in the Hotel on 5th February.

DONT MISS THIS VERY INTERESTING SOCIAL EVENT – See WEB SITE FOR DETAILS

“OYEZ ! OYEZ! OYEZ !”



THE DORCHESTER TOWN CRYER
Cllr. Alistair Chisholm

During the Museum dinner a special Tom Roberts copy painting, donated by Richard Thorogood will be raffled. See web site

RECENT EVENTS

The Admiral Phillip Birthday celebration was held on Friday 7th October at Bathampton and at the Guildhall in Bath.

The lunch was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Bath and Dept. Ld. Lieutenant of Somerset David Medlock DL.

One highlight of the day was the talk to the Junior School children by Cook Society Chairman Pauline Lyle-Smith and her very special donation of a rare map of the 1st Fleet voyage drawn by Roland Harvey.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roland_Harvey

Picture Right: Commodore Peter Lockwood RAN laying the wreath at the ledgerstone in St Nicholas Church.



The Military Museum of Devon and Dorset Regts. Reception.

Members and friends of the Britain Australia Society were privileged to attend a splendid reception at the Military Museum of the Devon and Dorset regiments in Dorchester to celebrate the long association between these two Regiments and Australia. On display in the library was the magnificent silver centrepiece presented by the citizens of Sydney to the 11th North Devonshire Regiment in 1857 on leaving Australia after their commendable 12 year tour of duty. Moving tributes were made by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset, Mrs Anthony Pitt-Rivers and Major General Bryan Dutton, CB CBE. An enlightening talk was given by Army Adviser, Colonel John Hutcheson AM, from the Australian Defence Staff, Australian High Commission. The Chairman of the Britain Australia West Country Branch, Mr Richard Pavitt, had great pleasure presenting a cheque for £500.00, kindly donated by a member of the Cook Society, Mr Richard Walduck OBE on behalf of The Gretna Charitable Trust. His words 'Our Regimental Museums are big jewels in our own rich heritage' echoed the thoughts of everyone who attended this memorable occasion.

ADMIRAL PHILLIP MEMORIALS

A series of initiatives are planned to be completed in 2014, the bicentenary of Arthur Phillip's death in Bath, where Phillip spent the last eight years of his life in active retirement. At the national level, a memorial stone is to be set in the floor of the Nave in Westminster Abbey. In Bath, a significant tribute memorial is planned to be sited in a prime position at a corner of the Assembly Rooms, just across from the Phillip home at 19 Bennett Street. This will be subject to local planning conditions.

The lovely parish church at Bathampton, where Arthur Phillip and his wife Isabella are buried, will be displaying the story of his command of the First Fleet in 1788.



The "SYDNEY" Plate & Col John Hutcheson AM

Also adding to the evening entertainment was the noted author Jeremy Archer who signed copies of his latest book "The Old West Country Regiments-from Plassey to the Somme" and who so generously offered to donate all proceeds from the sale of his book to the Museum Charitable Trust.

Among those attending were Mr and Mrs Richard Pavitt, Mr and Mrs Michael MacAvoy, Mr and Mrs Michael Burton, Mr and Mrs Michael Holmes, Mr and Mrs Richard Thorogood, Major Colin Parr MBE, Curator/Administrator and Colonel John Hutcheson AM who represented the Australian High Commissioner.

(Kay Fairfax)

LONDON & BATH

In the City of London, where Phillip was born and baptised, an existing memorial to Phillip in Watling Street is being renovated.

The Society has given overall responsibility to raise funds and oversee the projects to a sub-committee, chaired by Sir Christopher Benson JP, DL, FRICS, FRSA.

Members include two former High Commissioners to Australia – The Baroness Helen Liddell and Sir Roger Carrick KCMG LVO, former Lord Mayor of London Sir Michael Savory and Deputy Australian High Commissioner Adam McCarthy. Sir Christopher will also chair the sub-group that will select the sculptor and design for the Bath memorial.

TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA

The Society has forged a strong relationship with ETIHAD Airways which is the flag carrier of Abu Dhabi and a recent addition to the choice of carriers between UK and Australia. Etihad offers excellent schedules and a modern fleet of aircraft.

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<http://www.worldtravelawards.com/award-worlds-leading-airline-2010>

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STOP PRESS

THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Prof. Richard Frewer RIBA, Hon HKIA, ARB will describe the controversial & painful Progress to the realisation of a modern lkon.

At St Stephens Centre, Lansdown
Tickets £7.50 & £3.00 children
Contact Church Office 01225 420946
Mrs Jenny Lee 01225 330671
EARLY BOOKING WILL ENSURE A SEAT

8th WONDER OF THE WORLD



SATURDAY November 12th
Tea at 3:45 pm
IN AID OF THE FRIENDS OF
CHARLCOMBE CHURCH

PICTURE GALLERY

Presentation of the West Country Branch Boomerang to Kim Hemmingway at the Admiral Phillip lunch in the Bath Guildhall. This presentation is to recognise her support and help to the Branch during her 5 year tenure as the Society National Director.



Picture: Anne Cox



Email from Paul Falkus – Head of Bathampton Junior School to Pauline Lyle-Smith –Dear Pauline, Superb photos! I can't thank you or Roland enough for the map. It has been so well received in school. There is general pleasure at the quality of the map, the fun of the drawing, and the appropriateness of the positioning of the map in the school entrance hall. We are so delighted to have such an entertaining as well as informative symbol of the special relationship between England and



Paul Falkus, Pauline Lyle-Smith, Commodore Peter Lockwood
Picture by Godfrey Hall



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Australia through the Admiral. I have done an assembly showing the photos you sent and photos of Roland and some of his books for children. I think we will look to buy a few to make the back story more real to the children. I hope to make contact with Roland as well once the terms calms down a little! Thanks again for a superb gift, and some wonderful story telling at the service! Very best wishes, Paul

I hope you have enjoyed this round up of the Branch activities
Richard Pavitt, Branch Chairman

Diary Dates: ANZAC Day at Sutton Veny
Sunday 22nd April PROVISIONAL
First Fleet 225 Year anniversary
Portsmouth Branch: Friday 11th May

